

Dr. Peterson

Fayetteville Alumni Breakfast

8 a.m. Monday, June 15, 2015, Pinewood Studios

- Welcome alumni, regents, local, state, federal legislators, corporate partners.
- First day of 7th annual summer tour: traveling 650 miles through 13 cities in Northwest Georgia (Fayetteville, Newnan, LaGrange, Carrollton, Cartersville, Calhoun, Ringgold, Chickamauga, Dalton, Big Canoe, Young Harris, Blue Ridge, Dahlonega).
- After this week, tours will have covered more than 4,600 miles, visiting friends and leaders in 47 cities and nearly every one of Georgia's 159 counties. We travel 700 miles on average every summer. This year set to cover more than 650 miles.
- Meetings/tours with businesses, lawmakers, editorial boards, alumni, donors, regents.
- Listening, learning, share some of the exciting things happening at Georgia Tech.
- Experiencing time of unparalleled momentum: Faculty, staff and students continue to attract national attention.

President Obama visited in March. Graduation speakers Wayne Clough, U.S. Sect. of Education Arne Duncan, Gen. Philip Breedlove (NATO Supreme Allied Commander, 1977 Tech graduate).

- Outstanding students: More than 27,000 applicants for incoming freshman class, admit rate 32%, both records; women at all time high 40%. Students from 86 Georgia counties. Some of you are here with us tonight. Partner with UGA on admissions workshop in August, but remember, you've already made your decision!
- Incredible things happening in education, research and economic development.
- We're taking a leading role in creating an innovation zone in Midtown Atlanta, Tech Square.
- Programs for student innovation: Ga. High School InVenture Challenge was inspired by the Georgia Tech InVenture prize. 7 high schools and 4 elementary

schools from 7 counties participated this year. InVenture might become an ACC-wide competition.

- Making an economic impact throughout Georgia. EI² worked with more than 2,300 organizations throughout the state to provide training, education and connections to Georgia Tech resources and partner organizations. ATDC, an EI² program, supported 500+ technology startup companies that generated capital activity of more than \$270M.
- In past 2 years, GT's MEP helped 61 manufacturing companies in your area reduce operating cost by \$15.8 million and increase sales by \$26 million, creating or saving 148 jobs. Spyraflo, Winpak Films, Mortensen Woodwork in your area have all benefited from our expertise in manufacturing. Has also worked Newnan-based Grenzebach Corporation to help integrate its three management systems into one.
- Hoshizaki America, manufactures commercial icemakers, refrigerators and related products; facilities in Peachtree City and Griffin — our business outreach professionals helped it cut more than \$7 million in operating expenses, improve productivity by 75%.
- Procurement Assistance Center helps Ga. Companies identify, compete for, and win government contracts.
- In the community: Tech's Georgia Intern Fellowships for Teachers Program (GIFT) provides paid summer STEM internships in industry workplaces and university labs for middle and HS science, math, technology teachers.

(Acknowledge presence of Tech Promise scholars in attendance.)

- Research universities play a key role in regional economic ecosystems. They attract business & industry, partner in research, help get innovations from the lab to the marketplace, and educate students who often become the intellectual talent that business and industry seek — something we've been doing for 130 years.